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## THE SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS.

**A** GAIN the rolling of the years brings us to the annual Children's Number. Attention has been called this year especially to the child and the United States Government has been spreading widely the gospel of the preservation of child life. The death of some ten million men who would have been fathers of unborn children has made the world think of the horrors of peace as well as the horrors of war. And the greatest of the horrors of peace is the unnecessary and persistent slaughter of little children. It is a crime of every civilization and of every race, but we Negroes are among the guiltiest, among us from two hundred to five hundred of every thousand of our babies born die before they reach one year of age. We have pleaded poverty, prejudice and slavery as excuse, but the time is come not to excuse but to combat with our own available weapons this murder.

The remedy is, first, care and forethought in bringing children into the

world and, second, pure food and air for them when they come. We persist in keeping windows shut and living indoors; we persist in buying food carelessly and feeding all kinds of food indiscriminately to children. Outdoor life and simple, pure foods regularly fed would save the lives of a quarter million Negro children each year. Look on these pages. Are not these little lives worth the saving?

## SCHOOL.

**T**HIS is school month. Send the children to school. Do not be tempted to keep them at work because they are earning large wages. The race is to the intelligent and not merely to the busy. Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore, GET WISDOM! Hustle the children off the farms and out of the factories and into the schools. Do not wait—do not hesitate. Our life depends upon it. Our rise is founded on the rock of knowledge. Put the children in school. Keep the children in school.

## ABOUT PICTURES.

**T**HE beautiful baby pictures which we again present to our readers represent endless editorial difficulties. Few persons realize that a good print cannot be made from a poor, faded or indistinct photograph. We get numbers of pictures of evidently interesting persons but they are blurred snapshots or old photographs and sometimes even proofs. For newspaper reproduction a shiny black and white photograph, clear and sharp in outline and not too small in size, is needed. Avoid sending us "art" photographs in indistinct browns and grays; they are beautiful but they drive the engraver to despair.

## SAVE.

**W**E are earning money today. Never before in the history of the world has the Negro race enjoyed so large an income. Save! The fat years will not last forever. Save. Readjustment and reconstruction after the war will mean hard times for many a black laborer. SAVE. Saving is made easy and absolutely safe today for the small investor. SAVE. Buy Thrift Stamps regularly. Buy War Savings Stamps regularly. Buy Liberty Bonds. Use the savings banks. Buy homes. SAVE! Do not waste and throw away the easily earned new wages. Do not increase your expenses faster than your large earnings increase. Go slow with new furniture and new building and new clothes and fat food. SAVE!

## CO-OPERATION.

**A**T meetings of twelve representatives from seven states in THE CRISIS office, August 26 and 27, the NEGRO CO-OPERATIVE GUILD was established. Its program is threefold: 1. To induce individuals and clubs to study modern consumers co-operation, its extent, methods and objects.

2. To hold an annual meeting for encouraging the establishment of co-operative stores. 3. To form a central committee for the guidance and insurance of such stores.

Interested persons may communicate with the Chairman at this office.

## HOPE.

**M**ANY messages reach us from France telling of the treatment of colored soldiers there. Some bring complaint and some joy, but all have raised a demand for definite knowledge and reassurance among colored people. It is fortunate, therefore, that the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. has sent John Hope to France. Mr. Hope is a colored man, a graduate of Brown and as president of Morehouse College he has made a singularly deep impression of modesty, efficiency, broad-minded tact and unswerving devotion to high ideals. He goes as a sort of general inspector of colored Y. M. C. A. work in France. He will be attached to headquarters in Paris and be given opportunity to visit all the colored units at the front. Thus, again, America has taken the colored man into counsel. Let the good work go on.

## BLEASE, VARDAMAN, HARDWICK AND COMPANY.

**I**T is no mere coincidence that the President of the United States in publicly naming those who have opposed his administration and made his war program difficult should name the most conspicuous of those who have led the campaign of anti-Negro propaganda. Hardwick was elected to Congress from Georgia on a platform the chief plank of which was the repeal of the Fifteenth Amendment; Vardaman of Mississippi has gone further than any American living or dead in capitalizing race hatred for political gain; and Blease is a demagogue of the Tillman type, with none of Tillman's redeeming features. It is logical and deeply



significant that precisely these Negro haters and fomentors of domestic strife are the ones whose defeat is most strongly demanded by those who wish to win the war against German despotism. Is this not significant, fellow Negroes?

The hatred and despising of men; the doctrine of innate and inborn racial superiority; the determination to settle spiritual values by physical force; the restriction of human sympathies to a minority of human beings—all these things are characteristic of German imperialism and of Blease, Vardaman, Hardwick and—Hoke Smith. To be sure this last name is missing from the President's list, but Smith is not up for re-election this year.

## HOUSTON.

**T**HE commutation of ten death sentences of Negro soldiers by the President and his word of recognition of Negro loyalty are deeply appreciated. Nevertheless, the punishment of the Houston soldiers remains perhaps the most drastic in modern military history and two steps the Government is still called upon to take by every dictate of justice: the court martial of the officers of the Twenty-fourth Infantry and the punishment of the white civilians who incited the uprising. Only these things and the eventual pardon of the fifty or more soldiers sentenced to life imprisonment will satisfy colored America.

## THE BOY OVER THERE.

**L**ISTEN, O Sister and Brother of Mine. Have you a Boy "over there?" Some slim, young fellow, brown of face and dark of eye, with the Eternal Joy of God on his lips? I have. Only mine is a ghost boy—just twenty-one

he would have been last May. His soul is there with the Souls of the great company of his Fathers, a hundred, nay, a thousand years gone: with Alfred, his grandfather, who wore his country's uniform in '61; with Jacob who fought in 1812; with Tom who went in '76—all, all and more. It was not given to this my boy nor yet to me to go in the flesh; but he went dead, yet dreaming, and I dream-drunk, and yet alive, albeit with twitching, hanging hands.

And we, Sister and Brother of Mine, we who sit and listen, what are we *doing* for OUR boys "over there?" Are we seeing that they have food to eat, or are we starving them by our gluttony?

Are we seeing that they have clothes to wear, or are we selfishly adorning our own nakedness?

Are we seeing that the great red machine of war works so efficiently with bullet and powder, and gun and airplane, and shell and mortar, that quickly and irresistibly we shall bring this nightmare of world war to a just and honest end, or are we sulking and criticizing and obstructing and delaying and murdering our own flesh and blood?

All is not well, neither in earth, nor in hell, nor yet mayhap in God's own heaven; but all will never be well if when the Peaceful go forth to battle in War against War, in as holy a crusade as ever called for the strong arm of Justice—if then Evil can count on the Critic and the Coward, if their Fathers and Mothers—black fathers and black mothers at that—desert their sons in the very blood and dust of battle.

## O AUTUMN, AUTUMN!

MARY EFFIE LEE

**O** AUTUMN, Autumn! O pensive light      When, wan, the dead leaves flutter by  
and wistful sound!                              Deserted realms of butterfly!  
Gold-haunted sky, green-haunted ground!      When robins band themselves together

To seek the soul of sun-steeped weather;  
And all of summer's largesse goes  
For lands of olive and the rose!

## TALES FOR LITTLE FOLK



*Stories Collected by Sir Harry H. Johnston in his "Uganda Protectorate."*

### THE HARE AND THE ELEPHANT.

ONE day a hare came upon an elephant standing expectantly at an ant-hole which had only that morning been dug by himself with a view to his evening meal. "What hard luck!" said the hare. "What can I do against that big hulking brute, who wants to steal my dinner? I will try a plan." He returned to his home, made a torch of four reeds, and passed by the elephant at a great pace. "Who are you?" said the latter. "I am a hare." "Where are you going?" "Oh," said the hare, "we hear that an elephant is stealing our ants," and then scampered off. A little farther on he put out the torch, and sneaked round by a by-way to his home, relighted the torch, and again went to the elephant. "Who are you?" said the big beast. "A hare." "Where are you going?" "Oh," said the hare, "my comrades called me because an elephant is stealing our ants," and again went off quickly. As before, he sneaked

round to his home, and then passed the elephant. "Who are you?" said the elephant. "I'm a hare." "Where are you going?" "Haven't you seen my fellows pass this way? We are meeting in numbers, as we mean to have our meal which an enemy is trying to steal," and again ran off. Going round once more to his home, he again came up with the elephant. "Who are you?" said the big animal. "I'm a hare." "Where are you going?" "Are you blind that you haven't seen my comrades passing? However, I've no time to talk." The elephant, affected by the air of mystery, became uneasy, and thought it time to be off. When the hare came round for the last time he saw nothing but the wagging of the elephant's tail in the distance. So he screamed out, "There he is! there he is! After him! After him!" and laughed uproariously as he heard the big brute crashing through the woods. He then went quietly back alone to his feast,

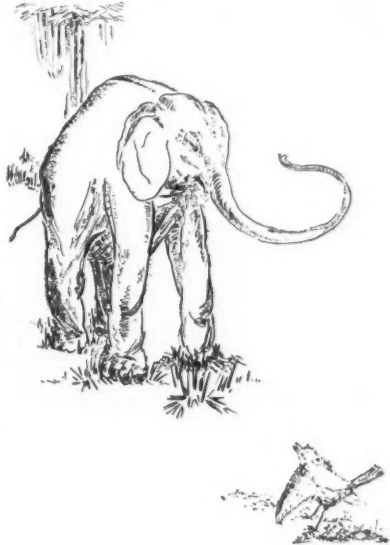


chuckling as he thought of the splendid success of his stratagem.

#### THE BIRD AND THE ELEPHANT.

**J**UST as the season for sowing grain was drawing near, the bird and the elephant met, and became involved in an argument as to who had the bigger voice. The dispute getting heated, they decided to lay the question before the big assembly. "We have come," piped the little bird, "to have the question settled as to who has the bigger voice, my friend the elephant or myself?" "Yes," grunted the elephant, "this insignificant little thing has the impudence to say his little squeak is more powerful than my trumpeting." "Well," said the little bird, "our homes are two hours away. Do you think that, if you bawled your loudest, your people would hear you call from here?" "Of course," sneered the elephant; "but what do you think you are going to do, you puny little thing?" "Now, don't get angry," chirped the bird. "Tomorrow morning we will meet at dawn, and both call to our friends to have our dinner ready; but, as you sneered at me, we will make the stakes ten cows, to be paid by the loser to the winner." "Right you are!" chuckled the elephant. "I want some more cattle. Good-bye, you little fool!" and went off laughing. The bet was confirmed by the "baraza." The cunning bird at once

made arrangements. He got his mates to perch within hearing distance of each other along the line to his house. "Now we will see," said he, "how wit can triumph over brute force." At dawn the next morning they met as agreed. The elephant was given "first try," and bawled four times in his loudest voice. "Have you quite done?" chirped the little bird. "Yes," sneered the elephant; "squeak away." The little bird gave his orders, and they tramped off together. They decided that the elephant being the bigger, they would visit his home first. As they drew near, the elephant became uneasy at the quiet that reigned, and was extremely angry to find not a soul about. One was away getting food, another drawing water, another gathering firewood, and the rest, not expecting anything to occur, were also out. "Now," said the bird, "we will try my luck." As they approached they heard great sounds of bustling; the pathways were clean, the courtyard swept, the bird's friends were all neatly arranged in lines to do honor to the guest; mats were laid down in the house, and an abundant feast was prepared. "Ah, my friend," piped the little bird, "do not be down-hearted. Be thankful you have learnt at so small a cost not to despise



a rival, however small he may be. So now day the elephant handed over the cattle let us 'eat, drink, and be merry.'" Next to the bird.

## MOTHER WILLIAMS



By LELAND S. COZART



**M**OTHER WILLIAMS has a passion for kindness, and her hobby is "somebody else." She is a lone colored woman, numbered amongst the most unpretentious yet most useful of the citizenry of Asheville, N. C.

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Many of the wealthier residents of the city, having implicit faith in her earnestness, seek her co-operation in getting their summer help. Thus a chance for her boys is soon made possible.

When one of them gets a job she calls him into her "office" for a lecture. When he is ready to go she advises, a sort of wistful look stealing into her eyes, "Now the way to do when you get a job is to work like you'll never get another, and nine times out of ten you won't need to get another."

"Mother" rises early and works all day and part of the night. A little light in her kitchen sometimes in the small hours of the night is surrounded by circumstances that indeed make fact stranger than fiction, for frequently she has waited till one of her boys has retired so that she might launder some of his garments and thus enable him to report to duty on the next day in clean and tidy attire.

There are times, because of other indebtedness of some of her boys, that she waits several months to get her money; and



MOTHER WILLIAMS

not infrequently, when the severity of the case has demanded, has she waited several years.

"Aren't you afraid that these boys won't pay you?" I asked her one day.

"If they don't pay me, the Lord will make 'em pay somebody," she replied. "But le'me tell you, I ain't had but one or two to try to beat me in all these years."

Rolling her sleeves above her elbows she continued:

"Why, I was walking across a white man's yard one day and I noticed a mighty smart chap, and I spoke to him; and he told me he could see way yonder in the distance what he wanted to be if he just had somebody to help him. 'If I just had a mother,' he said. And I said, 'I'll be your mother. He came right on to live with me. He

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stayed with me till he got a man, graduated from the college, and because somebody had helped him, he wanted to help somebody else, and to-day he's a secretary in the Y. M. C. A. Yes, he is, too.

"Cast your bread on the waters and after many days it'll come back to you and buttered at that." And with a mysterious nod of the head she could have convinced any one that she verily believed it.

Her comfortable home is proof that some of the world's goods may enlarge a sacrificing life.

"This house you see here is in trust from investments I've made in my students," she said. "When they get out in the world and make good they never forget me."

"You are, indeed, a big mother," I said to her. "Yes, and the happiest," she replied, bringing her hands together with a clap.

She is known also as a woman of great

business ability. A business man told me once that he had always found her advice worth heeding.

Her insurance agent suggested that her business was large enough for a real office.

"My kitchen is my office," was her reply, "and those who don't want to see me there can pass me by. You might pass anyhow," she added in good humor.

Following are some of her sayings:

"Trust the Lord and he'll trust you."

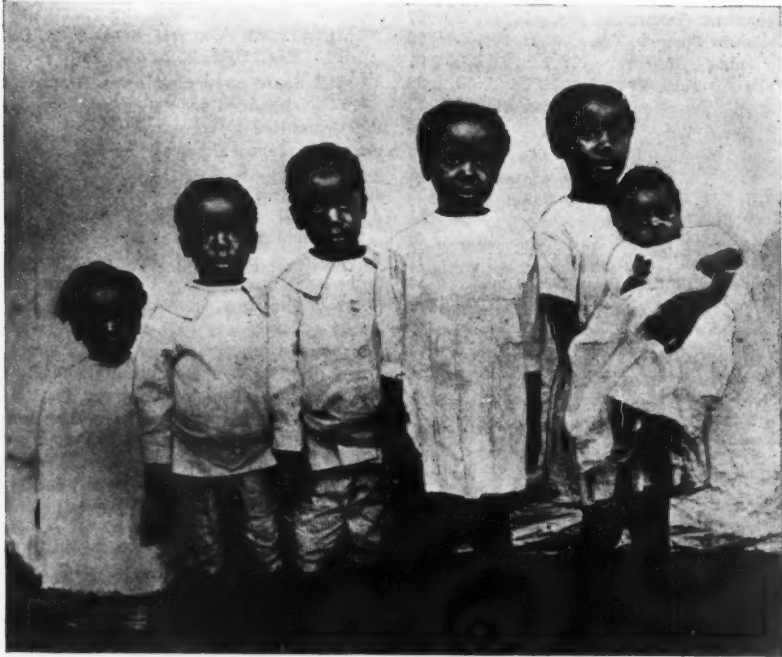
"If you'll do half way right, I'm your friend."

"I haven't much education, but I like educated folks."

"I don't break any verbs, they are broke when I find them."

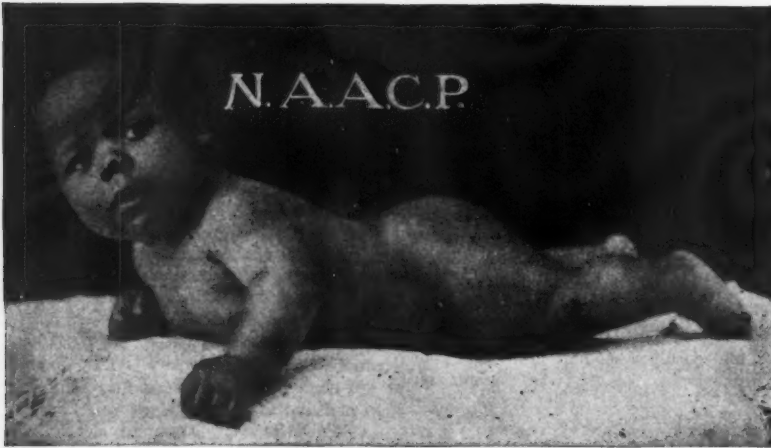
"Be good to everybody and somebody will be good to you."

During these years more than three hundred students have found in her a friend, one in whom the milk of human kindness never sours.



SIX PERFECT CHILDREN

These Children of J. W. Williams were each rated 100% in the Yolo County, Cal., Baby Drive.



**NEW BRANCHES.**

**S**INCE the report made in the August number of **THE CRISIS**, the following new branches have been organized:

Bakersfield, Cal. ....	74
Beaumont, Texas .....	67
Colorado Springs, Col. ....	55
Columbus, Ga. ....	51
Falls Church, Va. ....	38
Farrell, Pa. (Mercer Co. Branch).....	49
Fayette County, Tenn. ....	26
Little Rock, Ark. ....	53
Middletown, Ohio .....	37
Montgomery, Ala. ....	55
Morgantown, W. Va. ....	31
New Castle, Pa. ....	48
Omaha, Neb. ....	71
Pampanga, Philippine Islands. ....	50
Petersburg, Va. ....	32
Salem, Va. ....	58
St. Augustine, Fla. ....	64
St. Rose, La. ....	57
Waycross, Ga. ....	31
Aiken, S. C. ....	29
Bloomington, Ill. ....	50

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In addition to these new branches already organized, steps are being taken in thirty-six other communities to effect organizations. All of this work is due to the spontaneous spread of the Association and without any assistance from the National Office, except that furnished by correspondence.

In the list of new branches above there is one for Montgomery and one for Little

Rock. These two branches place the states of Alabama and Arkansas on the roll; those being the only two Southern States which up to this time were not represented in the organization.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, N. A. A. C. P.**

**T**HE Board at its meeting on September 9, appointed the following Nominating Committee to report at the November meeting: John Haynes Holmes, Chairman; Prof. G. W. Cook and James Weldon Johnson, according to the constitution, Article VIII, Section 5, which states:

"A committee known as the Nominating Committee to consist of three persons, and to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, shall submit to the Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting nominations for all vacancies on the Board of Directors to be filled at said meeting, which nominations shall be posted in the rooms of the Association and shall be open to inspection to the members thereof. Independent nominations may be made upon request in writing of at least fifteen (15) members of the Association by filing the same with the Secretary not less than sixty (60) days before the annual meeting. The names of all persons so nominated for Directors shall be published in **THE CRISIS**, the official organ of the Association, at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting. Any ballot containing the name of any person not nominated in ac-

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cordance with these By-laws shall be void."

The Nominating Committee will be glad to receive suggestions from branches throughout the country regarding the nominations. As the date of the annual meeting is fixed by the constitution as the first Monday in January, suggestions must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee by November 1, 1918.

According to a recommendation passed at the annual meeting in January, 1917, it is provided:

1. That the Nominating Committee have both races represented upon it.
2. That said committee be appointed in October.
3. That before renominating, the record of each member of the Board be considered (a) in attendance at Board meetings, (b) in any active work for the N. A. A. C. P., (c) in Branch Record.
4. That the Committee endeavor to keep at least sixteen members in New York or the near neighborhood.

It has been suggested that whereas our Board at its inception nine years ago was representative of the Association membership, this is no longer the case and that the middle and Far West and the South should figure in its personnel. For the information of Association members we give the geographical distribution of the Board membership:

New York .....	16
New England .....	5
Boston .....	3
Springfield .....	1
New Haven .....	1
Philadelphia .....	1
Buffalo .....	1
Baltimore .....	1
Washington .....	2
Chicago .....	2
Wilberforce .....	1
St. Louis .....	1

Address all suggestions to John Haynes Holmes, Chairman of Nominating Committee, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

RACE PURITY.

By AUGUSTA BIRD



**O**UT in the suburbs of the southern town of C—, in front of a low frame house, two children played upon the curb. "OO-oo-oh,"

shivered the little flaxen haired girl, as she discovered a long, hairy worm, which had evidently fallen from the tall tree near by. She amused herself for awhile with it, poking it with sticks.

The boy was seated in the gutter, a few feet away, busily engaged in building a sand fort. A few minutes passed. Perhaps instinct caused him to look around. He saw a black, hairy worm wriggling and writhing between two sticks held in the chubby hands of the little girl.

"Annie McClaine, if yo' put that wo'm on me I'll smack yo'," threatened the boy.

The little girl giggled childishly. Then her face sobered. She knew Jimmy meant what he said, but she had no intention of moving the position of the worm just yet.

"I done tole yo'," he added warningly, and then continued patting his fort into

shape. Just as he finished speaking, something hit the back of his neck and rolled underneath his blouse, stinging as it went.

The worm had wriggled free. He wheeled suddenly around and struck the child a full blow on the cheek.

"I didn'n mean to-oo-oo," screamed Annie in pain.

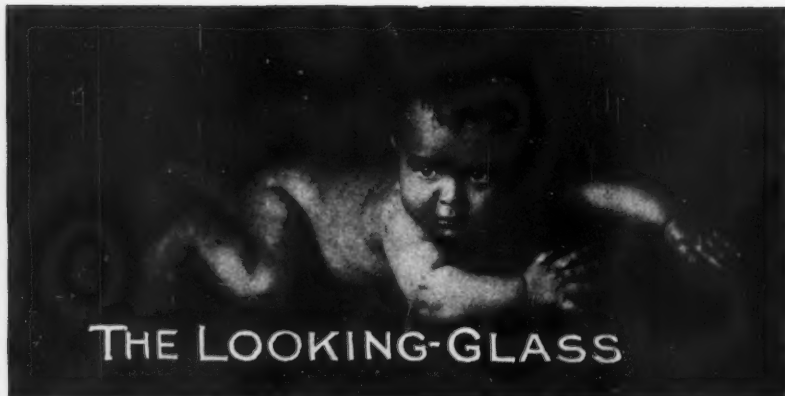
"I tole yo' I would," Jimmy shouted defensively.

A passerby saw the blow delivered and interfered. Catching the boy by his collar, he boxed his jaws fiercely. Then kicking him from the curb into the street, he exclaimed wrathfully: "You d—mn little nigger! What in th' h'll do you mean?"

"You," he said in a softer tone, turning to Annie, "run home to your mother. I'd like to see that mother of yours that allows you to play with—"

"He's my bru-vv-er," gasped the startled little girl through her tears.





## THE LOOKING-GLASS

### LITERATURE.

**E**DMUND VANCE COOKE in the Chicago, Ill., *Post*:

Toussaint of Haiti, jewel of your race!  
Or, in more modern lingo, war's black ace!  
Slave, general, statesman, martyr! Had  
your face  
Been white few would exceed your place  
When history calls her roll.

Well, L'ouverture,

Here's Henry Johnson set out to insure  
That Negro heroism shall endure.  
First of our expedition to secure  
The croix de guerre!

With pomp and circumstance,  
Where banners flaunt and bayonets ad-  
vance,  
A general hails him comrade of romance,  
And bearded lips salute his cheek—for  
France!

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For that same France, O, L'ouverture, old  
pal,  
Which blushes at your name, as long she  
shall.

The following articles on the Negro have  
appeared in recent periodicals:

Brightening Up the Rural South. E. J.  
Scott, *Outlook*, July 10, 1918.

National Aid to Negro Education; ab-  
stract. J. H. Dillard. *School and Society*,  
June 8, 1918.

Young Black Joe. Irvin S. Cobb, *Satur-  
day Evening Post*, August 24, 1918.

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Those interested in the causes of the war  
will find illuminating reading in "The Lich-  
nowsky Memorandum" and "The Reply of  
Herr Von Jagow," issued by the American  
Association for International Conciliation.

Teachers may use to advantage the ed-

ucational edition of Laura E. Wilkes' story  
of Frederick Douglass, with its numerous  
quotations from his speeches and writing.

William Stanley Braithwaite is the author  
of a review of Ethel Sedgewick, which Small,  
Maynard & Co. have issued in pamphlet  
form in preparation for an American edi-  
tion of the works of this brilliant English  
novelist.

We are in receipt of poems by Jamie Har-  
ris Coleman and the Ann Arbor Negro  
Year Book, published by George H. Wright.

### IN FRANCE.

**R**EPORTS on the gallantry of colored  
soldiers are coming thick and fast.  
The Williamsport, Pa., *Grit* writes:

A regiment of raw Negro troops, fight-  
ing along the Marne front, not only stopped  
a fierce German attack that had been  
planned with great care, but actually drove  
the enemy back. The gallant performance  
of the regiment under its baptism of fire  
proved so remarkable that the French com-  
mander of the sector has cited the whole  
regiment as worthy of receiving the war  
cross. An official report of the engage-  
ment brings out interesting details and gives  
credit to the officers and men for fine fight-  
ing qualities displayed in their initial ex-  
perience under shell and machine gun fire.

The German artillery opened upon the  
position held by the Negroes and conducted  
a violent bombardment. Under cover of the  
artillery, the enemy infantry began its op-  
erations, adopting the infiltrating process by  
which detached groups were thrust forward  
at a number of points instead of moving  
in mass formation. Assaulting columns and  
supporting columns followed.

The special machine gun group under the  
command of Lieut. J. F. Shaw was in one  
of the most exposed centers of the fight-  
ing, being under terrific artillery fire and  
the fire of German machine guns. Lieut.



Shaw handled a difficult situation with cool bravery. The enemy barrage was so close that it was impossible to stand up and Lieut. Shaw controlled his guns by rolling from one to the other.

Under a violent onslaught the Negroes stuck to their posts, carried out every order without hesitation, often under galling fire and showed a high degree of skill with their weapons, coupled with coolness and courage. Machine guns that jammed were partly dissembled and cleaned under fire, continuing in action throughout the engagement.

There were many instances of individual bravery during the action. Private Howard Gaillard, with a small rapid-fire piece, was unable from his position to get accurate aim, so he coolly and with utter disregard of danger, mounted the parapet and while enemy bullets were flying about him, fired his rapid-fire piece from the hip, first at one group of advancing Germans and then at another. Privates Smithfield Jones and George Woods ran from gun to gun, as fast as they jammed, dismounted and re-assembled them and continued at the work until the close of the action.

Not a single German succeeded in getting within assaulting distance of the Negroes at any part of the line except at one point and there they were quickly pressed back and then driven off. Following the battle, the Negro troops talked of their part in the balking of the German plans and the defeat of the enemy as though it were an everyday occurrence.

The Philadelphia, Pa., *North American* speaking of the same action, says:

Lieutenant R. C. Grame was in command of the group which received the brunt of the enemy fire which, besides the barrage, added a heavy fire of large minenwerfers. There was no flinching; the group always worked under perfect control, keeping all combat posts manned, though three men were knocked down by the explosion of shells. Others commended for courage in the face of fire are Corporal Frank Harden, Private H. D. Brown, Corporal Bean, Sergeant G. A. Morton and Private Sanders.

The New York *Evening World* tells of Sergeant William Butler, a New York Negro:

Butler "came" with such good effect that he liberated his white lieutenant and four American privates from the foe's clutches and killed at least four Boches, badly wounded a Prussian officer, who later died, and put a score of Boches to ignominious flight.

He concluded his "private war" by pursuing the Germans right up to their own line and nonchalantly tossing hand gren-

ades into their dugouts, though at the time their barrage was biting the earth all around him.

Butler's exploit, for which he received the Croix de Guerre, rivals the performance of Henry Johnson and Needham Roberts, privates in the same regiment.

Irvin S. Cobb writing in the *Saturday Evening Post* for August 24, 1918, quotes the colonel of a Negro regiment now in France:

Oh, yes; they were green at the start; but they are as game as any men in this man's army are. You take it from me, because I know. They weren't afraid of the cold and the wet and the terrific labor when they worked last winter down near the coast of France on as mean a job of work as anybody ever tackled. They were up to their waists in cold water part of the time—yes, most of the time they were—but not a one of them flinched. And believe me there's no flinching among them now that we are up against the Huns! You don't need the case of Johnson and Roberts to prove it. It is proved by the attitude of every single man among them. It isn't hard to send them into danger—the hard part is to keep them from going into it on their own accord. They say the dark races can't stand the high explosives—that their nerves go to pieces under the strain of the terrific concussion. If that be so the representatives of the dark races that come from America are the exceptions to the rule. My boys are getting fat and sassy on a fare of bombings and bombardments, and we have to watch them like hawks to keep them from slipping off on little independent raiding parties without telling anybody about it in advance.

My men have a catch phrase that has come to be their motto and their slogan. Tell any one of them to do a certain thing and as he gets up to go about it he invariably says, "Let's go!" Tell a hundred of them to do a thing and they'll say the same thing. I hear it a thousand times a day. The mission may involve discomfort or the chance of a sudden and exceedingly violent death. No matter—"Let's go!" that's the invariable answer. Personally I think it makes a pretty good maxim for an outfit of fighting men, and I'll stake my life on it that they'll live up to it when the real trial comes.

### VARDAMAN, ET AL.

THE New York *Times* says:

As the dupe and idol of the "hillbillies," the astute player on ignorance, passion, and "poor white" prejudice, the "White Chief," the upholder of the "White South"; the man who went to the Senate, with his ton-

gue in his cheek, to get the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments repealed; as a shrewd old Indian draped in a "Spanish cloak" or poncho; as the hero who was once drawn in triumph and a "chariot" through the streets of Meridian by eighty yoke of white oxen, James K. Vardaman was an amusing figure in political vaudeville-melodrama. When the war broke out, he became a nuisance and a scandal.

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The Brooklyn *Eagle* feels that Mississippi is to be congratulated:

After January 1, Mississippi will stand with her sister States, unshamed, undisgraced, in line with the sentiment of the nation.

Here is a relatively small State, a poor State, which for a long period of years before the war had an influence in the Senate far greater than her material interests or her population justified. No American historian can neglect such men as George Poindexter, one of the most polished speakers the Senate ever had; Jefferson Davis, next to Calhoun, the South's keenest thinker; Robert J. Walker, father of the Walker Tariff, and a constructive statesman of a high order. Even in the reconstruction years there was some personal ability in the men who went to the Senate. Adelbert Ames, of the old Massachusetts family, carpet-bagger; Blanche K. Bruce, a colored man, but well educated, of genuine capacity and not devoid of manners or of self-restraint. Later, after the Whites had regained the State, came L. Q. C. Lamar, who precluded his senatorial experience with four terms in the House and followed it with service as Secretary of the Interior under Grover Cleveland and as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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The *Eagle* goes on to say that men such as Vardaman are the logical product of the methods employed by the South after Reconstruction to oust the Negro from politics:

The effect of those methods on the dominating white party is only just passing away. Men of lawless violence were needed for lawless acts. They claimed their reward. Men of cultivation, of sincerity, of devotion to order, had commonly to stand aside. And James K. Vardaman was the latest—may he be the last—representative of that oligarchy of roughnecks.

Vardaman stood for lynching, stood for denying civil rights to the Negro majority in Mississippi; stood for wrecking Negro education, before he stood against Woodrow Wilson at a time when war demanded unity. He is well out of public life, and Mississippi is well rid of him.

### "KIND HEARTS ARE MORE THAN CORONETS."

**T**HE Dallas, Texas, *News* tells of a black hero:

Little three-year-old Peggy Rood started across Cole Avenue to her home with a big bag of peaches.

A Negro boy, Terry Boswell, on the corner, idly watched her.

An outbound Highland Park car came bounding down the street.

The father, W. G. Rood, sitting on his veranda, No. 3234 Cole Avenue, saw the motorman remove his hand from the brakes and wipe his eyes. "Look out!" screamed the Negro, as the car struck the child.

Never giving his own life a moment's thought the Negro threw himself in front of the moving car just as the fender crushed the child beneath it.

While the car dragged his own body twenty feet before coming to a stop, the cool Negro finally caught hold of the fear-paralyzed child and held her body in the center of the track beneath the moving car to prevent the wheels from passing over her head and legs.

The car came to a standstill. The Negro braced his aching back against the fender, bent it upward, carefully drew out the torn and bleeding form of the baby, tenderly placed her in the arms of the frantic mother, and sat down on the curb to take inventory of his bruises and damaged clothes.

A physician, Dr. John W. Embree, Wilson Building, was called by the father. Four stitches were taken in a bad gash over the child's right eye. Her head, wrists, body and legs were painfully lacerated. One knee is fractured. The physician reports internal injuries. The sight of the right eye has been lost forever.

The spine was also injured in the fall. But the parents are glad that Peggy still lives.

So is Terry Boswell unheralded Negro boy hero.

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Here is the same spirit showing in this tale told in the editorial columns of the Buffalo evening *Times*:

A small brindle bull-pun, three-quarters crown, was chasing frantically, in one of the large Eastern cities, every street car that came along. Very evidently he had seen his master enter a street car, and, dog like, he thought each car must be the one. He ran ahead barking and snapping at the fender in an endeavor to stop the car, but sooner or later it left him behind. Undiscouraged, he raced after the next one he met, and was rapidly become exhausted by his efforts and by the terrific heat of the day.

Finally, at a street corner, one of the

cars he was chasing stopped to take on passengers, and panicking and trembling, the dog took refuge under the car. Bystanders called to the conductor and motorman that the dog would be crushed, but these officials answered that they must keep their "running time," and the motorman, on the conductor's signal, was about to start the car, when a colored man protested and said he would get the dog. He crawled under the car and lifted out the puppy, which he took to a near-by horse trough, and immersed in the cool water. The poor little animal was "all in," but every time a street car went by, he made desperate efforts to follow it in order to find his master. He will be kept safely until his owner advertises for him; or a good home be found.

But the point of it all was this: Here was an unexpected occurrence, which, however, might in the natural course of events, happen at any time, with perhaps a little variation in the circumstances; yet nobody on the car or outside of it, except the colored man, seemed to know what to do. They all sat there like parallel rows of "stoughton bottles," and looked at each other fixedly and helplessly. Worse than that, they were willing—men and women alike—to remain on the car, and have the wheels crush out the body and life of a little, frightened, foolish, loving puppy.

#### IT WAS A FINE EXHIBITION

Have you ever noticed this quality in the general population—that when anything the least bit out of the "regular order" occurs that calls for even a slight exercise of kindly, helpful, unselfish effort, they become about as useful and effective as dummies made of gelatine? All motive power is suspended, the phenomenon of total paralysis is presented, complete mental vacuity supervenes, and "wax figgers" would be animate in comparison! Yet these same men would "step on each other's faces" to get to a dog fight; and these same women would "mow each other down" in a society crush. Beautiful and interesting is this altogether admirable human nature of ours—especially of the proud and superior Caucasian race!

Meantime, a coarse, low person, who saw the whole incident related above, remarked right out loud, that "the colored brother was the only white man on the car!"

#### AS TO LYNCHING IN TEXAS.

**T**HE *New York Tribune* says:

The publishers of the San Antonio *Express* have established and set aside a fund of \$100,000 to be used in combating the crime of lynching in this country, thereby to aid in stamping out the lawlessness and violence of the mob.

At the latest meeting of the stockholders of The *Express* Publishing Company, August 1, it was determined to devote this sum of money to the purpose of rewarding

persons who shall be directly responsible for the arrest and conviction of those who incite riots and mob outbreaks that result in lynchings, and of those who perpetrate the lynching crime itself.

It was the earnest, expressed opinion of every member of the stockholding body at the meeting that the irremediable injustices, the debasement and degradation worked by a crime that invariably exhibits a contempt for law and order, and an enmity to the decent systems of courts and law enforcement, must be brought to an end throughout the United States.

Lynching must no longer go unpunished or lightly punished, in any state or districts of this nation.

The anti-lynching fund of the San Antonio *Express* will be employed in this manner:

A reward of \$500 will be paid to each person who shall be directly responsible for the arrest with subsequent conviction and punishment of any person or persons who were instrumental in arousing a mob to commit a lynching or in putting through the lynching itself, when the individual lynched was not a Negro.

A reward of \$1,000 will be paid to each person who shall be directly responsible for the arrest, with subsequent conviction and punishment, of any person or persons who were instrumental in arousing a mob to commit a lynching or in putting through the lynching itself, when the individual was a Negro.

This fund of \$100,000 and the offer of reward thereunder will be maintained and in effect for a period of five years from August 3, 1918.

The system of rewards will apply to any and every crime of lynching committed within the bounds of Continental United States—that is, exclusive of the American possessions of Porto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, the Panama Canal Zone, etc.

These rewards will be paid to private citizens—persons of either sex—or to peace officers of whatever class; sheriffs, their deputies and possemen; constables and their deputies; United States marshals, their deputies and possemen; city or state police, rangers, etc.; officers and men of the organized military forces or National Guard of the several states, and to any and all other persons who may not be debarred legally from the acceptance of a reward for this character of law enforcement.

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The Little Rock, Ark. *Star* is doubtful:

The difficulty about the Texas plan is that it makes no provision for getting juries that will convict in lynching cases. It looks like prosecuting witnesses are going to have a hard time getting the \$500 and a harder time getting the \$1,000, unless sufficiently alluring rewards are offered to jurors to convict. Juries in lynching cases are peculiar.

## A CONTRAST.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., is not as appreciative of her colored soldiers as some other cities. A private correspondent tells us:

On August 3, two colored men, through draft were sent to camp. The morning of their departure, they were sent away with two or three boxes of cigarettes and matches, as a substitute for full military honors. Two days later one man of the opposite race left for the same cause, and was sent away with a trunkful of all sorts of things and also full military honors consisting of a company of home guards and the firing-off of a couple of rounds of ammunition.

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The people of Rochester, N. Y., show a different spirit. Says the *Rochester Times-Union*:

The colored boys gathered at Zion A. M. E. Church in Favor Street, where some hundreds of their fellows were on hand to extend God speed, and Mayor Edgerton, for the first time in several months was on hand to extend the good wishes of the city. The Rev. E. D. W. Jones, pastor of the church, introduced the mayor, who spoke briefly, telling the embryo soldiers that the best wishes of the city would accompany them and that Rochester would watch their progress in the stern days ahead and be ready to welcome their victorious return.

The boys were then provided with lunch, tobacco, cigars and cigarettes to lighten the tedium of the journey to camp, and for half an hour each of them held an informal farewell reception. Just before 9:30 o'clock the call to "fall in" was given. At the head of the procession was the customary police escort and the Park Band. Then came a delegation of representative colored citizens, members of the exemption boards and the drafted men. Directly in the rear of the draftees came Dunbar Red Cross Circle, bearing the service flag of Zion Church which already contains a number of stars, and behind marched scores of the friends and relatives of the departing men.

When the procession swung into Main Street there was an outburst of handclapping and cheers, a demonstration that grew as the column made its way up Main Street, while hundreds of automobile horns added to the farewell. A fair share of the city's colored population marched along the sidewalks, and the crowd received considerable additions at the New York Central station.

The highest spirits were manifested by the departing men, the occasion taking on the character of an outing so far as those most vitally interested were concerned. No contingent has gone away in more cheerful mood than did this morning's.

## MIGRATION JUSTIFIED.

I. K. FRIEDMAN has been conducting in the Chicago, Ill., *News* a series of articles on Negro migration and democracy. He says in part:

Great as has been the influx of Negroes from the South, it has not been great enough to satisfy the needs of northern industry. They are absorbed as fast as they come by mill, factory and shop, and the cry, I am informed, is for more and more. In Detroit alone in 1916 and 1917 the cash value of jobs secured for Negroes was estimated at \$6,313,932 and the value of the product turned out by these industrious colored hands runs, of course, into many millions more, while this sum has to be increased only by the sum total produced in our other northern cities to arrive at something like an estimate of what the south has lost potentially and the north made actually. It is another proof of the platitude that what is morally right in the end proves economically profitable, and the north, no matter how mercenary the motive that may have prompted it, surely has no financial reason for regretting that it opened the doors of opportunity on a fair and equal basis to this oppressed race.

Certain sections of the South, now that it is too late, regret their errors and are doing their best to ameliorate the lot of the colored citizen by increasing his educational advantages and adjusting his wages on something like an equitable basis. But the colored people, I am told, mistrust those efforts as mere temporary compromises that will be withdrawn when colored labor becomes less necessary for southern welfare.

The trouble in the southern situation is that it was so long in the making that it solidified into hard and fast institutions, lost all flexibility and cannot be unmade to order, and to suit a new set of conditions—those institutions evolved from the aristocratic traditions, from which happily the North is more free, concerning the differences between superior and inferior, master and man, owner and slave. The solution that such an aristocracy always applies to its problems is one of force and the more ancient its heredity is the more will it believe in the unrelenting application of the remedy. By the exertion of sheer physical force the Negro had been enslaved and by the constant exertion of that same power he was to be held in his proper place even after his emancipation.

For, while slavery had been destroyed as an institution, the ideas on which it had been founded still survived and shaped the intellectual outlook of the community whose social and economic welfare once had rested on the subjection of a whole class. Thus the white and black alike remained the victims of a past over which neither had control.

How the north may solve the difficult problem remains yet to be seen, but the present writer with all the conviction that is in him believes it will be met by the growth of democracy, or, better still, by democracy working hand in hand with the growth of industry—this same industry, once so deeply despised by the aristocratic tradition, which tore down the walls of the ghetto for the Jew in Europe and threw wide open in these very recent years the doors of all professions and trades to American, French and English women. There is no denying it! This colored migration is part and parcel of the same movement—a movement that advances with accelerated speed to destroy and throw into the dust heap of the past the prejudices that hampered its march to make the world safe

for democracy and glorious for the future.

Of that democracy the colored man, whose loyalty to America is demonstrated beyond the peradventure of a doubt by the blood he is spilling, like the most devoted of our patriots, on the bloody plains of France, demands his share. And beyond the peradventure of a doubt, too, he believes the north has been true to the promises it made to him, and is not withholding from him one iota of his primal right—the right to work like a man and to enjoy like a man the fruits of his honest toil. This is not charity, not philanthropy, not something given which he has not earned.

It is something higher and nobler.

It is justice.

### THE BLACK MADONNA AND HER BABE.

By LUCIAN B. WATKINS.

**S**HE cradles him, her babe, upon her breast,  
Great with this joy of all the earth most dear.

A lullaby, touched with a trembling tear,  
She croons to Heaven; it is a prayer expressed

That he, her boy, may triumph in life's test.  
He sleeps in dreamless peace, his listless ear

Close to her gentle heart of love sincere—  
The strength that is her soul's immortal best.

Madonna! many a son you offer up

On Truth's eternal Cross of Calvary;

And you have drunk of each's death-brimming cup,

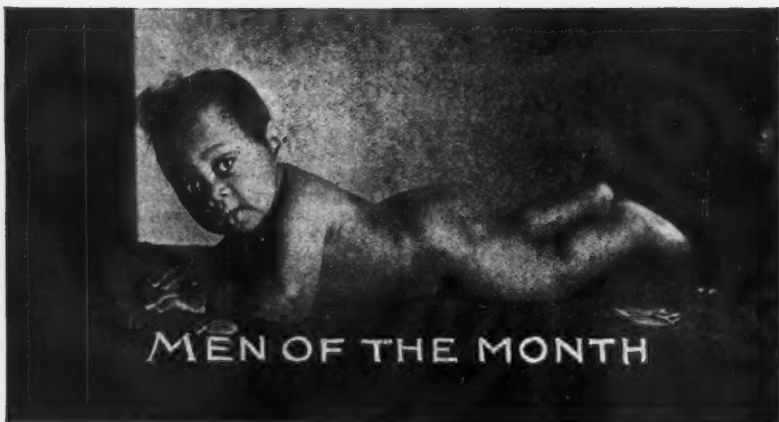
Down in the vale of God's Gethsemane.

Dear Lord! this woman and her children sup

The gall of death—for Boundless Liberty!



John W., and James H. Williams I, II and III, New York City.



**A STORYTELLER.**

**T**HIS is not usually considered an attractive title but when used in connection with the name of Mrs. Blanche Bailey it assumes a new and pleasant interest.

Mrs. Bailey is a graduate of the Peoria Library Training School for Storytellers of Peoria, Ill. Her practice work was carried on very successfully with large groups of children in social centers, play-ground and library-circles. For one summer she was park storyteller and her unusual natural ability drew about her groups of both young and old to be fascinated by the charm

of her "Once upon a time." This popularity not being enough, however, for this thorough-going young woman, she entered upon a course for play-leaders conducted by the School of Civics and Philanthropy in Chicago. At its completion she was summoned to teach storytelling and play-leadership in Fort Worth, Texas. But before responding to this call Mrs. Bailey entered the Manual Training High School of Peoria and reviewed courses in Domestic Science and Physical Education. It is this thoroughness in preparation that has secured the continued success which is hers in the South.



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#### AN OLDEST INHABITANT.

**R**AHWAY, N. J., is honored by having as its oldest resident Miss Ann Voorhies, who celebrated her one hundred and third birthday May 7, 1918. This old lady was born in Paris, France, but was brought to this country when an infant by her father, an evangelist who later was the first minister to serve Ebenezer A. M. E. Church in Rahway. Miss Voorhies is very religious and attributes her length of days to her unflinching trust.

#### A WOMAN DENTIST.

**E**DNA CORINNA ROBINSON, D.D.S., was born March 12, 1892, in New York City. Her father, Ishmael Robinson, was a native of St. Kitts, B. W. I., and her mother, Bertha Wallace, of Richmond, Va. She was educated in the grammar schools of New York City and New Jersey. She graduated from the high school, Montclair, N. J., in 1913. That same year she entered the Dental School of Howard University, Washington, D. C., where she took her degree of D.D.S. in 1916. A few months later she sat and passed the Massachusetts State Dental examination and set up in practice in Cambridge, Mass., where she is now located.

Dr. Robinson is a pioneer in her district, being the only colored woman dentist practicing in greater Boston, and indeed in New

England, and her success is justifying her faith. She takes part in the community work of her neighborhood and appears on the public platform. She is doing her part by her country, too, for her two brothers are at the front in France with the Fifteenth Regiment of New York.

#### A GOOD FIGHTER.

**W**ILLIAM WARLEY is the man who helped the N. A. A. C. P. to carry its fight against segregation to the Supreme Court. Mr. Warley was born in Louisville, Ky., January 6, 1884, and was graduated from the Central High School in 1902. After various experiences in the field of labor he became a clerk in the Louisville postoffice. But his real interest has always been in journalism, so in 1912 he founded the *Louisville News*, a paper well-known for its uncompromising policy. It is not surprising then that its editor in spite of much discouragement volunteered to help the N. A. A. C. P. bring the Louisville segregation ordinance before the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Warley contracted to buy a house in a white neighborhood and then refused to complete the bargain because of the segregation ordinance. He was sued by the white real estate dealer and this *cause célèbre* of *Buchanan vs. Warley* was lost by Mr. Warley—and won for his race.



Harry H. Pace, Jr.

#### A SELF-MADE MAN.

**G** S. WILLIAMS is a native of Rayville, La., but moved as a young man to Shreveport. There he conducts a number of activities including undertaking, real estate, and a livery business. He has been very successful and is one of the largest tax payers in his community. His business ability has caused him to be made president of the Louisiana Negro State Business League; a life member of the National Negro Business League and vice-president of the National Funeral Directors' Association.

#### A NEGRO CHIEF CLERK.

**I** SAAC G. BAILEY, who had the distinction of being appointed Chief Clerk of Local Exemption Board number eight, in the District of Columbia, was born July 12, 1890, in Arkansas City, Ark. He received his high school and business education at the Dermott Baptist Academy, Dermott, Ark., and graduated in 1916 from the College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University, Washington, D. C. In the summer of 1917 he was called upon by Local Exemption Board number eight, the largest

in the District of Columbia, to render clerical assistance. His work was so satisfactory that, when the Selective Service authorized the appointment of chief clerks, Mr. Bailey was made chief clerk of his board, being the only Negro in the country to receive such an appointment. He was also admitted to the Legal Advisory Board of the District of Columbia, which gave him power of a notary public.

It is with deep regret that we state that Mr. Bailey's usefulness was terminated by his death, April 24, 1918.



Booker T. Washington III









## Shadows of Light





*Does it show any superiority of mind or soul to believe or pretend to believe in the "inferiority" of these little ones?*

Would



*Would it be fair to force these children into Crime and Poverty because of the color of their skin?*



"Put her in a pumpkin-shell  
"And there he kept her very well!"

"Peter, Peter, Pumpkin-ester!  
"Had a wife and couldn't keep her!"





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#### MUSIC AND ART.

COLERIDGE - TAYLOR'S Prelude to "Nero" was among numbers played by the Royal Artillery Band at a service for munition workers given in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and at which the King and Queen were present.

☐ Mme. E. A. Hackley has held folksong festivals in Augusta, Ga.; Miami, Fla.; New Orleans, La.; Atlanta, Ga.; Louisville, Ky., and Detroit, Mich., during the last eight months. The festivals were largely attended by audiences varying from 1,000 to 2,500 people.

☐ Harriet Turner, an American interpreter of Negro songs, will sing under the auspices of America's Overseas League in the hospital for wounded soldiers in France.

☐ Carl Diton's "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" was played by Wassili Leps' Symphony Orchestra at an out-door concert at Philadelphia, Pa., on August 12.

☐ An interesting Negro song of 1860, "The Octoroon," by Arthur Steele, is among an old collection of sheet music lately catalogued at the Harvard College library.

☐ Four colored girls from Denver, Colo., the Misses Bray, LeNoir, Clement and Cole, are singing Negro folksongs on the Tabor Grand, a large vaudeville circuit.

☐ Colored soldiers, under the leadership of Max Weinstein, recently sang Negro Spirituals and folksongs at the Lyric Theatre, Baltimore, Md. *Musical America* says: "The audience was much impressed with the

sincerity and devotional spirit of the colored men."

☐ *Musical America* of August 31 gives an extended review of Arthur Bergh's new cycle, a setting of Vachel Lindsay's "The Congo."

☐ The Pace and Handy Company, music publishers, has been established in New York City at 1547 Broadway. Mr. Handy, whose "Memphis Blues" is not yet *impassé*, has added several other "blues" to his list of compositions.

☐ The Greene County, Ohio, Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. gave a unique program in the Assembly Room of Arnett Hall on July 30. The feature of the occasion was a display of the paintings, drawings and literary productions of Effie Lee, daughter of Bishop B. F. Lee. More than a hundred pictures besides a varied collection of book-covers, hand decorated and illuminated booklets of poems and prose selections of Miss Lee's were shown. The exhibition was the result of the interest and activity of Colonel Charles Young.

☐ R. G. Doggett's Music Bureau of New York City has been presenting programs of Negro music under the auspices of the Comforts Committee of the Navy League and the National League for Woman's Service. These concerts have been given at the Mall in Central Park, New York City; at Camp Merritt in New Jersey, and at the United States Base Hospital at Gun Hill Road, N. Y.

☐ A music revue was presented to an au-



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dience of two thousand white and colored people in Forth Worth, Tex., at the Coliseum, for the benefit of the Red Cross. Mme. Anita Patti Brown supported the chorus of nearly two hundred voices, under Mrs. S. H. Fowler.

#### THE WAR.

**I**T is reported that the 9th U. S. Cavalry has been sent to Vladivostok, Russia.

☐ General Pershing has appointed Lieutenant E. B. Cheatham, of Indianapolis, Ind., Judge-Advocate of the 372nd Infantry in France.

☐ Major Ollie B. Davis, of the 9th U. S. Cavalry, has been promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel.

☐ Over two thousand colored nurses have been enrolled in the American Red Cross.

☐ There are 2,640 colored soldiers in thirteen vocational schools receiving special technical work.

☐ Since its organization fifteen months ago the fifty-three colored men of Company A, First Battalion, Kansas State Guards, Topeka, have become commissioned or non-commissioned officers except two, and they are in the Y. M. C. A. The former company clerk, F. L. Jackson, is now First Sergeant on a Hospital Ship between France and New York. Captain W. W. Russell commanded the company.

☐ E. M. Anderson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been appointed Assistant Field Secretary of Western Camps, with headquarters at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kans., to have charge of religious, social and educational needs of colored soldiers.

☐ Will H. Vodery, of Philadelphia, Pa., is bandmaster of the 807th Infantry now in training at Camp Dix, New Jersey.

☐ General Pershing has written to William Stevenson, of the Y. M. C. A.:

I wish to assure you that I place the greatest confidence in the patriotism and devotion of our colored soldiers, and their splendid work both in the front line and in the Services of Supply. It also gives me pleasure to inform you that they have made a fine impression on our Allies by their soldierly bearing and exemplary conduct.

☐ Samuel Ransom, formerly college printer of the University of Chicago, has been commissioned a Lieutenant in France. He enlisted as a private.

☐ The colored people of Colorado Springs, Colo., recently raised \$500 for the Red Cross.

☐ Among ten men cited for bravery recent-

ly by the Secretary of the Navy was Robert E. Hill, a colored gunner's mate.

☐ Lieutenant Russell Smith, of Covington, Va., who has seen service with the 10th U. S. Cavalry and attended the Des Moines training camp, has been put in command of the army training camp on the grounds at Howard University.

☐ The last remnant of German resistance in East Africa is being carried on by General Von Lettow-Vorbeck, who is now making his stand in the Portuguese colonies in Mozambique.

☐ There are thirty-one colored chaplains in the U. S. Army and more are needed. A class began August 23 at Camp Zachary Taylor, near Louisville, Ky. Applications may be sent to the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

☐ Charles S. Morris, a colored boy, has been made Quartermaster in the Naval Reserve Force and is stationed at Provincetown, Mass.

☐ The colored people of Evansville, Ind., have planted more than 1,000 war gardens. They hold \$500,000 worth of real estate and have bought \$70,000 worth of Liberty Bonds and contributed \$8,000 to the Patriotic Fund. The city has furnished 500 colored drafted men.

☐ There were ten honor men among 2,500 graduates of the Central Artillery Officers' School at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky., six of whom were colored. Thirty-five Negroes were given commissions.

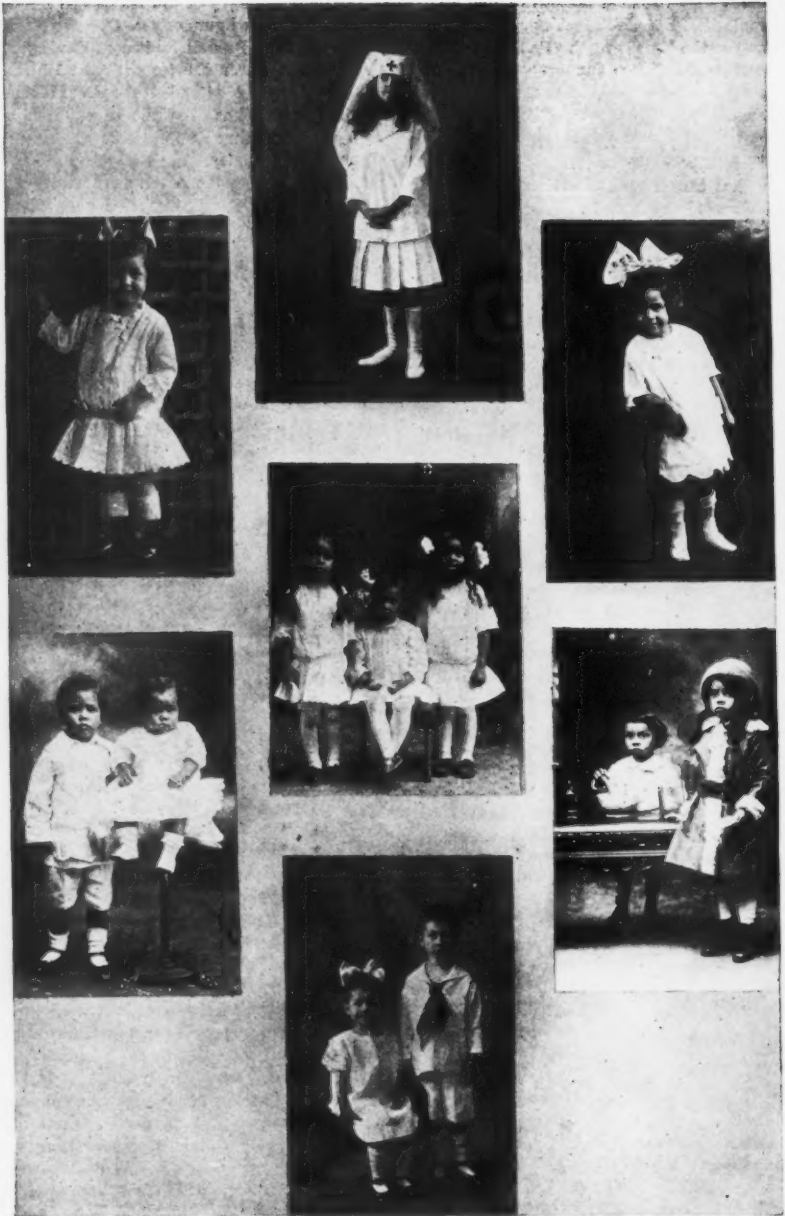
☐ Colonel Roosevelt has contributed \$4,000 of \$45,482.83, securities and cash from the Nobel Peace Prize, to the colored Y. W. C. A. War Work Council.

☐ Negro draftees in Indianapolis, Ind., were tendered a reception at Tomlinson Hall and were addressed by the Mayor and Governor.

☐ Recruiting stations for the student Nurse Reserve have been opened in South Philadelphia for colored women. They may, however, enroll at any station.

☐ The Reverend Mr. R. H. Windsor, of Rayville, La., has twelve of his nineteen sons in the U. S. Army, eight having volunteered. One is a Lieutenant and two are Sergeants. Mr. Windsor has bought \$350 in Liberty Bonds and \$75 in War Savings Stamps.

☐ Colored people of Maryland subscribed \$1,000,000 to the first two Liberty Loans, and \$1,000,000 to the third; \$10,000 to War Savings Stamps through colored agencies and



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\$65,000 more through white agencies. For the Red Cross they contributed 2,000 one dollar members in the Christmas drive and \$1,600 since; made 1,500 comfort kits and 350 pieces of knitted wear. Five thousand of their men have been called through the draft.

☐ The War Camp Community Service has taken over a house on College Avenue, between Nineteenth and Twentieth Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., which has been fitted as a dormitory for the use of Negro service men. A cafeteria, restaurant and poolroom are among the features.

☐ There are 6,000 Negro men in uniform at Camp Dix and the Philadelphia Navy Yard ☐ The 813th colored Infantry is being formed at Camp Sherman, Ohio, under command of Colonel John E. Morris. The non-commissioned officers will be colored men.

☐ American Negro troops, brigaded with the army of General Gouraud, east of Rheims, are doing such remarkable work in action with their bayonets that they are said to excel all other men on the fighting front in their use of these weapons.

☐ Company A, 301st Stevedore Regiment, has been cited by Rear Admiral Wilson and General McClure for exceptionally efficient work. The colored men unloaded and coaled the immense steamship "*Leviathan*," formerly the "*Vaterland*," in fifty-six hours, making a new world's record. A film showing this regiment at work and at play is to be exhibited throughout the country in the leading colored and white theatres.

☐ Charles M. Bonnett is the only colored mechanic attached to the Canadian Army Service Corps Mechanical Transports. For three months he was placed in command of a motor shop in England controlled by the Canadian Army.

☐ In the class of one thousand cadets that completed the course of training in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Harvard University, August 12, there was one colored boy, Richard B. Sansbury, who was recommended among twelve for an immediate commission.

#### INDUSTRY.

**T**WENTY-EIGHT colored women in Louisville, Ky., have been officially appointed street cleaners. They have a colored man as overseer. Their wage is two

dollars per day and hours, 6:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.

☐ More than five hundred white and colored men walked out of the American Car & Foundry Company at Birmingham, near Memphis, Tenn., for higher wages. The white men were offered more wages, but refused it unless the colored men were given the same consideration. Since joining the union movement the wage of the Negro laborer's has increased 100%.

☐ Five thousand Negro laborers are being imported from Nassau for Government dock contracts at Charleston, S. C., at \$3.25 a day.

☐ The Link Belt Chain Company, Indianapolis, Ind., is employing colored women as moulders. They were taught by an expert moulder and new machines to make the work lighter have been installed.

☐ Ten thousand colored men are now working at the Dupont Construction Company, Jacksonville, Tenn. Wages are said to be as high as ten dollars a day.

☐ Twenty-one colored women, selected from the Public School Teachers of the District of Columbia, have been assigned to Special War Work in the Loans and Currency Division of the U. S. Treasury Department.

☐ Colored barbers have replaced white barbers who demanded higher wage at Camp Sherman, Ohio.

☐ The Service Company, which has been organized at Atlanta, Ga., by colored men owns the Gate City Laundry, valued at \$30,000, and is planning another laundry at Augusta. The president is Heman E. Perry.

☐ A. J. Webster, a coal miner at Buxton, Iowa, has broken the record by earning \$214.06 in fourteen working days during the last half of July. The wage was based on the amount of coal mined and the distance that it was hauled to the mine mouth.

☐ It is estimated that Negroes in New York have invested more than \$20,000,000 in real estate.

☐ The Mennig-Slater Pickling Company, Des Moines, Iowa, has opened its doors to thirty colored women laborers.

#### MEETINGS.

**A** CONFERENCE of workers among boys was held in New York City August 30-September 1, under the auspices of the League on Urban Conditions Among Ne-

groes. An athletic meet was held on the City College Stadium. The slogan is: "Save a boy 'Over Here' for every man lost 'Over There.'" B. T. Harvey, Jr., was chairman. ¶ Three hundred delegates assembled at the second annual convention of the Mme. C. J. Walker Hair Culturists' Union held in Chicago, Ill., at Olivet Baptist Church, August 1-3. Mrs. M. B. Talbert was among the speakers.

¶ The second annual chautauqua has been held at the Bordentown, N. J., school. Judge R. H. Terrell addressed the body and Cleota Collins-Lacy, soprano, of New York, sang.

¶ The colored division of the Maryland Council of Defense, under Ernest Lyon as chairman, has held a farmers' state-wide exhibit and conference at Salisbury, Md.

¶ At the summer conference of the Young Women's Christian Association at Atlanta, Ga., there were 108 delegates from colored schools.

¶ Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, of Atlanta, Ga., recently addressed a patriotic meeting of 6,000 persons at Wadesboro, N. C. He was introduced by the local congressman.

¶ One hundred prominent Negroes in Columbus, Ohio, have met and organized the Negro Workers' Advisory Committee of the U. S. Department of Labor.

¶ Charles S. Morris, Jr., delivered a patriotic address to five thousand white and colored people in Richmond, Va., under the auspices of the colored Y. M. C. A.

¶ Five thousand colored Elks were assembled at the nineteenth annual session of Elks in Baltimore, Md., at Bethel A. M. E. Church. They paraded and voted \$10,000 toward the next Liberty Loan. Armand W. Scott was re-elected Grand Exalted Ruler.

#### POLITICS.

**I**N the New York primary E. A. Johnson was renominated to the Assembly by the Republicans of the Nineteenth District and J. C. Hawkins was nominated to the Twenty-first. In the Twenty-first Congressional District J. A. Bolles, the white man who caused the defeat of R. C. Ransom, the colored candidate last year, was renominated by the Republicans.

¶ Charles H. Turpin at St. Louis has again been nominated for Constable on the Republican ticket in the Fourth District. Dr. W.

M. Riley was nominated for State Representative.

¶ The Republicans have nominated three colored candidates for the Lower House of the West Virginia Legislature: J. V. Coleman in Fayette County, H. J. Capehart in McDowell County, and T. G. Nutter in Kanawha County.

¶ H. M. St. Laurir has been re-elected City Councilman of Cambridge, Md.

¶ Harry E. Davis, of Cleveland, Ohio, has been nominated for the State Legislature by the Republicans, standing at the head of the poll in his district. E. F. Hughes, of Columbus, was also nominated for the Legislature, standing second in a list of fourteen candidates.

¶ Colored women of Texas have formed a Republican Women Voters' League with Mrs M. A. Bradley, of Galveston, president.

¶ Dr. D. Jonathan Phillips, of Kingston, Jamaica, formerly of Philadelphia, Pa., has been elected to the City Council of Kingston.

#### EDUCATION.

**T**HE secretary of one of the largest mission societies controlling colored schools and colleges throughout the South needs a number of teachers for next year. They must furnish testimonials of high character and hold degrees from first class Northern institutions. Candidates may send testimonials, together with photographs, to "Missionary Secretary" in care of THE CRISIS.

¶ The Free Colored Library, Knoxville, Tenn., since its opening May 6 of this year, has circulated 3,537 books, and had an attendance of 6,146.

¶ Robert E. Clay, of Bristol, Tenn., has been appointed Rural School Extension Agent.

¶ A new administration building has been erected at Hampton Institute, known as Palmer Hall, which contains thirty offices, a museum and reception room.

¶ J. L. Bowler, of Wichita, Kan., has received his M. A. degree from the University of Wisconsin.

¶ Rosamond Alston is the first colored student to graduate from the East Greenwich Rhode Island, Academy. She majored in English, History and Social Science.

¶ S. Percival James, of Jamaica, has re-

ceived his M. D. at the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery.

☐ William E. Davis, of British Guiana, received the degree of M. D. at the New York Medical College.

☐ Philip H. Savory, of Georgetown, British Guiana, secured the highest honors in all final subjects at McGill University, Montreal.

#### THE CHURCH.

**C**OOPER A. M. E. ZION CHURCH, Oakland, Cal., broke the record for colored churches in the Bay Cities by raising \$1,684 in a recent rally. The Reverend Mr. J. B. Holmes is pastor.

☐ The Venerable Henry B. Delaney, Archdeacon of colored work in North Carolina, has been elected Bishop Suffragan for work among Negroes in North and South Carolina. This election must be assented to by a majority of the bishops and standing committees of the several dioceses. Archdeacon Demby, of Tennessee, who was elected to a similar position for the Southwest several months ago, has had his election confirmed and will be consecrated Bishop at All Saints Church, St. Louis, Mo., this month.

☐ Bishop B. F. Lee, of the A. M. E. Church, has celebrated his Golden Jubilee.

#### SOCIAL PROGRESS.

**T**HE War Work Council plans to erect a \$200,000 building for the colored Y. W. C. A. at 9th and Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, D. C.

☐ "Jim Crow" signs have been removed from the tennis courts in City Park, Denver, Colo., through efforts of the local N. A. A. C. P.

☐ The colored people of Fayette County, W. Va., have petitioned the County Court to appoint colored people for jury service. They claim that the court "has persistently discriminated against persons of color," and that they represent 2,000 voters.

☐ The colored people of Philadelphia, Pa., have formed a city-wide protective association as a result of the recent riot. They will publish 20,000 pamphlets giving the cause of the race riots.

☐ The McCoach Playground, Philadelphia, Pa., has an entire colored staff of ten teachers with Roland Davis, who is principal. There is a swimming pool, 90 by 40

feet, depth 3 by 9 feet. The grounds are also used as a community center.

☐ The Frederick Douglass Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., is making an appeal for \$22,000. The hospital cost \$118,000 and was founded by Dr. N. F. Mossell in 1895. It has cared for 73,000 out-patients and 8,000 patients in the wards.

☐ One hundred white and colored guests were entertained by Mme. C. J. Walker at her new home, Irvington-on-the-Hudson. There was music by J. Rosamond Johnson, Joseph Douglass and Melville Charlton, and speeches by Mme. Walker, Emmett J. Scott, William J. Schieffelin, Fred Moore and others.

☐ Soldiers of the 25th U. S. Infantry together with representatives of all Hawaii's cosmopolitan population joined in celebrating the Fourth of July. The Declaration of Independence was read in fourteen languages.

☐ Union Station Bank, a white institution, of St. Louis, Mo., has failed. More than fifty Negroes lost their deposits.

☐ The insulting signs in the park of Houston, Tex., refusing admittance to colored people, have been removed.

☐ The colored State Medical Association of Oklahoma has issued a health bulletin of twenty-four pages.

☐ The U. S. Shipping Board has started a Mississippi River Steamboat for the training of Negro firemen.

☐ Negroes of Georgia have petitioned Governor Dorsey to advocate the repeal of the statute disbanding the state colored volunteer militia.

#### PERSONAL.

**J**OSHUA SPEARS, the oldest colored member of the Police Department at Indianapolis, Ind., has been made Probation Officer in the Juvenile Court.

☐ Olive J. Lischey, a graduate of Fisk University and for many years a teacher in the Nashville, Tenn., schools, is dead.

☐ Laurence C. Jones, of the Piney Woods School, Alabama, is lecturing in the Redpath-Vawter Chautauqua Circuit. The Williams Jubilee Singers are also on this circuit.

☐ Mr. and Mrs. William T. Francis, of St. Paul, Minn., have celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

☐ Griffin Hatcher, a colored track laborer at Whiting, Ind., was nearly killed in trying



"I will lift up mine eyes to the Hills."

to rescue two white children from an express train. One of the children was saved.

☐ Cleon Wilkins, a thirteen year old colored boy of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is timekeeper for the hundreds of conductors and motormen employed by the railroad company which traverses the Great Gorge.

☐ Alice Dunbar-Nelson, of Wilmington, Del., has been appointed Field Representative of the Women's Committee, Council of National Defense.

☐ Governor Cox has appointed President W. S. Scarborough, of Wilberforce University, to represent the Negroes of Ohio in the Council of National Defense.

☐ J. R. Coffey, of Wewoka, led the state of Oklahoma in an examination for Departmental Clerk at Oklahoma City. His mark in arithmetic was 100%.

☐ Nora Bayes, the popular comedian, became "tired" of the South when her colored maid was refused accommodation with her at hotels in Spartanburg, S. C., and brought her tour in that section to a close.

☐ Wesley Williams, the only colored candidate among 1,070 to take the physical ex-

amination for the Fire Department in New York led with an average of 100%.

☐ David Gen. Isaac de Kollscritta, a drafted Abyssinian Jewish Negro at Camp Upton, is said to speak twenty-seven languages.

☐ R. J. Reynolds, the tobacco magnate, has left \$240,000 to the city of Winston-Salem, N. C., to provide two hospitals, one for white and one for colored people, each to cost \$120,000.

☐ Hubbard Lanier has been made Service Inspector for the Pullman Car Company, Jersey City. He was formerly a porter.

☐ In a recent civil service examination for promotion to Grade 6, State Industrial Commission, for stenographer, Florence Charlton-Woodson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., stood first on the list.

☐ Byron Lewis, an educator of British Guiana and a student at Edinburgh, University, is dead.

☐ Jacob McAfee, a Civil War veteran, died recently in Wichita, Kan., at the age of eighty-one. The McAfee Block, a brick office building, was erected by him in the early eighties. His real estate holdings total nearly fifty residences and buildings.

☐ The marriage of Bishop C. H. Phillips, of Nashville, Tenn., to Miss Ella Cheeks at St. Louis, Mo., August 28, is announced.

☐ Dr. Joseph L. Johnson, of Columbus, Ohio, for several years special examiner in the U. S. Pension Bureau, has been appointed Minister Resident and Consul-General to Liberia.

#### FOREIGN.

**T**HE British Government has made the following recommendation of changes in the government of India: a select committee from the House of Commons on Indian affairs; a privy council for India; larger representation of Indians in the Governor-General's Executive Council; a council of state and a legislative assembly, the former to have fifty members of whom twenty-one will be elected and the latter, one hundred members of whom two-thirds are to be elected; these bodies are to have limited powers of legislation. Provision is made for provincial legislatures, partially elected, and for modified local self-government. All racial bars in the civil service are to be abolished. The proposed reform is not acceptable to radical Indians.

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☐ King Bell, of the Kamaroons, was hanged by the Germans for high treason at the outbreak of the war. There was "a great outcry from the populace all night long."

☐ The greatest land case in British history has opened before the Judiciary Committee of the Privy Council of England. It is to determine whether 73,000,000 acres of land belong to the chartered corporation which rules Rhodesia, or to the white settlers or to 800,000 natives.

☐ A bill for rearranging the administration of native affairs in the Union of South Africa is under consideration by the government but probably will not be put into operation until after the war. It is probable that the proposed unfair division of land between whites and natives will be partially corrected.

☐ M. René Claparede, of Geneva, Switzerland, writing in *La Revue Politique Internationale*, on "Europe and the So-called Inferior Races" proposes that Switzerland, which was the birthplace of the great Red Cross work, may see the foundation of a Black Cross or a Golden Cross League in the interests of oppressed natives.

☐ In the legislative councils of Nigeria a native member, Mr. Agasa, has raised a protest against the Empire Resources Development Committee of England, which proposes a huge monopoly of raw materials after the war. Four thousand native Nigerian troops have been fighting in German Africa. The cocoa industry continues to grow and the importation of liquor has decreased from 1,808,000 gallons in 1913 to 394,000 gallons in 1916. One quarter million dollars annually is being spent in education.

#### CRIME.

**I**N the Houston riot August 23, 1917, fifteen white persons were killed and twelve wounded. Three sets of court martials followed which sentenced 29 of the Ne-

gro soldiers to death, and 81 to imprisonment; 8 were acquitted. Thirteen of those sentenced to death were immediately executed. The other cases were referred to the President. The President has just confirmed the death sentences of six of these and commuted the other ten sentences to imprisonment for life. The net results is, therefore, that 19 Negro soldiers have been or will be hanged, 91 imprisoned, for the most part for life, and 8 acquitted. The President says in his message:

I desire the clemency here ordered to be a recognition of the splendid loyalty of the race to which these soldiers belong and an inspiration to the people of that race to further zeal and service to the country of which they are citizens and for the liberties of which so many of them are now bravely bearing arms at the very front of great fields of battle.

☐ White soldiers from Mississippi tried to eject colored soldiers from the Y. M. C. A. hut at Camp Merritt, N. J. One Negro was killed and five wounded. Thirteen military policemen have been arrested.

☐ A mob of five hundred white people burned the property of Negroes in Dewey, Okla., August 21. Bad feeling had been brewing for several days, due to labor trouble, but the direct cause was precipitated when a Negro, Ned Widlow, shot the chief of police and another man, who attempted to arrest him.

☐ The following lynchings have taken place since our last record:

Bastrop, La., August 7, "Bubber" Hall, hanged for alleged attack on a white woman.

Natchez, Miss., August 15, Bill Dukes, shot to death. "He was guilty of a crime too revolting for publication."

In August, a Negro was lynched at Colquit, Ga., and another Negro lynched on the road between Quincy and Havana, Fla. Neither of these lynchings was reported by the press.

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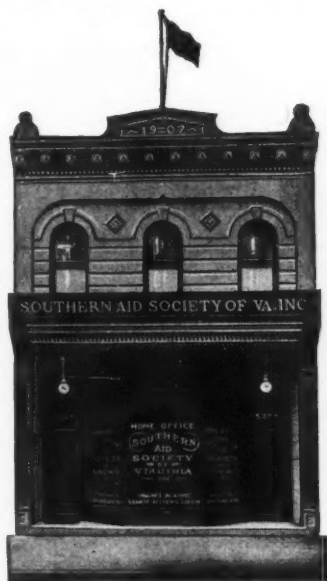
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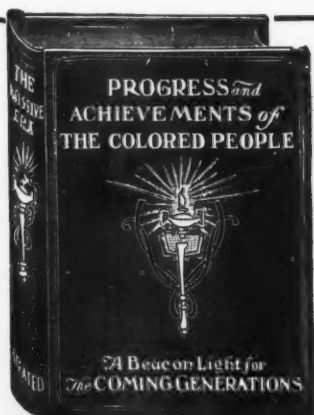
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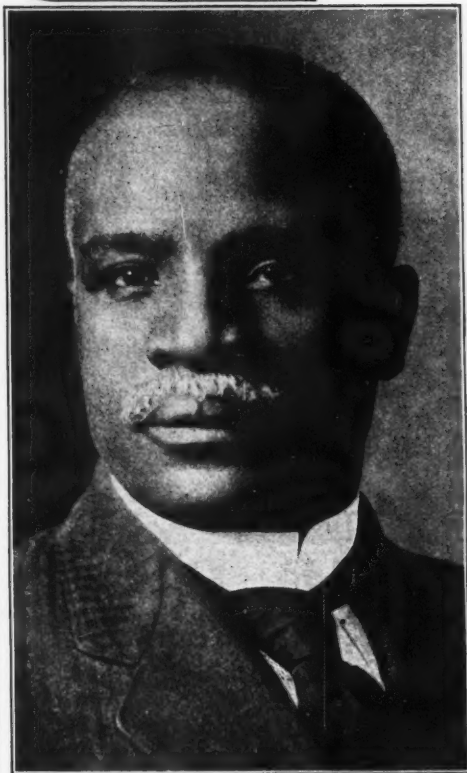
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